



NOTICE OF SCREENING OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

NIRB File No.: 24YN020

Project Name: The “Early Career Training Cruise” project
Proponent Name: Oregon State University
Project Type: Research Region: Kitikmeot and Qikiqtani Regions
Public Registry: www.nirb.ca Application No.: 125952
Comment Deadline: **June 25, 2024**

PROJECT SCOPE:

The proposed “Early Career Training Cruise” project is located within the Kitikmeot and Qikiqtani regions, sailing within the communities of Kugluktuk, Resolute Bay, Arctic Bay and Pond Inlet. The Proponent intends to use this cruise to train early career scientists, undertake seafloor mapping, collect seabed grab samples and core samples to improve an atlas of seabed sediments currently in development. The program is proposed to take place from July 2024 to August 2024. The scope of this proposed project as identified by the NIRB includes the following undertakings, works or activities:

- Use of the US Coast Guard icebreaker USCGC Healy for transit and research purposes
- Collection of samples around Kugluktuk
- Use of an echosounder to collect seabed imaging
- Use of multiple hazardous chemicals to preserve, process and analyze samples

Please visit the NIRB’s public registry online at the link above and look up NIRB File No.: **24YN020** to access all project information, maps, and public comment forms.

REQUEST FOR COMMENTS

You are invited to provide the NIRB with your comments regarding whether the proposed project is:

- likely to arouse significant public concern and, if so, why;
- likely to cause significant adverse ecosystemic or socio-economic effects and, if so, why;
- likely to cause significant adverse impacts on wildlife habitat or Inuit harvest activities and, if so, why;
- a type where the potential adverse effects are highly predictable and can be prevented/managed appropriately with known technology.

Parties are also invited to recommend any specific mitigation measures they feel would be appropriate, and to bring any other matter of importance related to this project proposal to the NIRB’s attention.

CONTACT INFORMATION

The NIRB has recently launched an updated online public registry, and parties can access project information as well as submit comments directly to the NIRB via www.nirb.ca. Comments can still be submitted directly to the NIRB via email at info@nirb.ca or via fax to **(867) 983-2594**.

If you have any questions or require clarification regarding the proposed project or the NIRB’s screening process, please contact Mia Otokiak, Impact Assessment Officer toll-free at (867) 983-4622 or motokiak@nirb.ca.